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SUBJECT: CSCE: TURKISH AND CYPRIOT RESERVATIONS ON CYPRUS
REPRESENTATION

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1. AS FORESEEN REFTTEL, TURKISH REP (BENLER) MADE RESERVATION
AT MOMENT OF CONSENSUS ON FINAL CSCE DOCUMENTS. RECSLLING THAT
TURKS HAD PREVIOUSLY RAISED QUESTION OF CYPRIOT REPRESENTATION
AT STAGE III. BENLER SAID TURKS WOULD JOIN CONSENSUS ON FINAL
DOCUMENTS, BUT MAINTAINED THEIR POSITION ON CYPRIOT STAGE III
REPRESENTATION. IN A CAREFULLY MEASURED STATEMENT, BENLER
NOTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE GOING ON WITH A VIEW TO RE-
ESTABLISHING THE CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER IN CYPRUS, AND THAT IT
WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF CYPRIOT CONSTITUTION AND INTERNATIONAL
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LEGAL STATUS IF ONLY ONE HALF OF CYPRIOT PEOPLE ARE

REPRESENTED AT STAGE III. BENLER SAID TURKISH GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS OF CYPRIOT REPRESENTATION AT STAGE III, AND HOPED PARTICIPATING STATES WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM BEFORE STAGE III. BENLER ASKED THAT HIS STATEMENT BE INCLUDED IN CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

2. TURKISH STATEMENT PROVOKED VIOLENT REACTION FROM CYPRIOT REP (MAVROMATTIS), WHO RECALLED THAT THIS WAS FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS, AND SAID COMPOSITION OF CYPRIOT DEL WAS INTERNAL MATTER OF CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT, WHICH WAS RECOGNIZED BY ALL STATES PARTICIPATING IN CSCE. CYPRIOT AT FIRST OBJECTED TO INCLUSION OF TURKISH STATEMENT IN CONFERENCE JOURNAL, BUT IN CONFUSED PROCEDURAL SITUATION WHICH ENSUED (IT WAS 3:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND ALL DELEGATIONS WERE ANXIOUS TO CONCLUDE STAGE II AND GO TO BED) AGREED TO INSERT HIS OWN INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT ALL DELEGATIONS PRESENT AGREED THAT CONFERENCE RULES OF PROCEDURE DO NOT PROVIDE FOR CHALLENGING OF CREDENTIALS OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS. GREEK REP SUPPORTED CYPRUS.

3. IN CLASSIC CSCE TABLEAU, VATICAN REP OFFERED INTERMINABLE BENEDICTION IN FAVOR OF PEACE AND JOY, AND SITUATION SETTLED DOWN LONG ENOUGH FOR SOVIET CHAIRMAN TO CONCLUDE DISCUSSION AND CLOSE STAGE II. DALE

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